
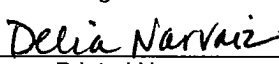


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<b>TRANSMITTAL FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY OR REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY WITH A NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	Atty. Docket No. (Opt.)  <b>ZIMM1720</b>
Applicant <b>Karl Belliard</b>	
Application Number <b>10/735,603</b>	Filed <b>December 12, 2003</b>
Title <b>Intervertebral Disk Prosthesis</b>	
Group Art Unit <b>3774</b>	Confirmation No. <b>1725</b>

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

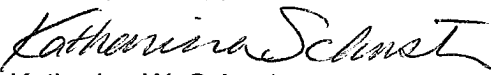
<u>Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</u>
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited electronically with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office using the United States Patent and Trademark Office's EFS-Web system on January <u>28</u> , 2009.
 Signature
 Printed Name

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), establishing right of assignee to take action.
2. Attachment A, listing assignment recordation reel and frame number for the above-identified patent application from
  - Assignor(s)/Inventor(s) to Assignee Spine Next, recorded at Reel/Frame: 015373/0340 on May 21, 2004; and at Reel/Frame 015792/0595 on February 25, 2005; and
  - Name Change Certificate from "Spine Next" to "Abbott Spine" dated March 17, 2005, and recorded at Reel/Frame: 017649/0371 on May 22, 2006.
3. Power of Attorney or Revocation and Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sprinkle IP Law Group**  
Attorneys for Applicant

  
Katharina W. Schuster  
Reg. No. 50,000

Date: January 27, 2009

1301 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 408  
Austin, TX 78705  
Tel. (512) 637-9220  
Fax. (512) 371-9088